

1 1-11. (Canceled).

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3 12. (Currently amended) A method performed on a processor of managing a  
4 software license, comprising:

5 issuing a software license to a client, the software license entitling the client to  
6 access software resources, the software license having an expiration date, the software  
7 license being identified as a previously issued software license;

8 receiving a license request from [[a] the client;

9 determining that the expiration date of [[a]] the previously issued software license  
10 ~~previously issued to the client~~ has been reached without the client making a license  
11 request because the previously issued software license has been lost or because the  
12 previously issued software license is not lost but has not been used in a license update  
13 period, resulting in the return of the previously issued software license to an available  
14 pool of software licenses;

15 reissuing the previously issued software license to the client if the previously  
16 issued software license is available because the previously issued software license has  
17 been returned to the available pool of software licenses and has not been issued to  
18 another client, the reissued software license having a new expiration date;

19 issuing a new software license to the client if a new software license is available  
20 and the previously issued software license is not available, the new software license  
21 having a new expiration date; and

22 denying the client access to software resources if the previously issued software  
23 license is not reissued and a new license is not issued.

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25 13. (Canceled).

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2 14. (Original) A method as recited in claim 12, wherein the software resources are  
3 located on a terminal server.  
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5 15. (Original) Computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions  
6 for performing the method as recited in claim 12.  
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8 16-34. (Cancelled).  
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10 35. (Currently amended) A ~~[[license server]]~~ system comprising:  
11 an available license pool to store software licenses;  
12 ~~an assigned license pool to store information regarding licenses assigned to~~  
13 ~~clients;~~  
14 ~~a request handling module to receive a license request;~~  
15 ~~a new license module to search the available license pool, setting an expiration~~  
16 ~~date on a new license if a new license is available, and issuing the new license to a client;~~  
17 ~~and~~  
18 ~~a license clean-up module operating periodically to review the assigned license~~  
19 ~~pool and return any license to the available license pool which is found to have reached~~  
20 ~~its expiration date;~~  
21 logic operative to issue a software license to a client, the software license entitling  
22 the client to access software resources, the software license having an expiration date, the  
23 software license being identified as a previously issued software license;  
24 logic operative to receive a license request from the client;  
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1 logic operative to determine that the expiration date of the previously issued  
2 software license been reached without the client making a license request because the  
3 previously issued software license has been lost or because the previously issued software  
4 license is not lost but has not been used in a license update period, resulting in the return  
5 of the previously issued software license to the available pool of software licenses;

6 logic operative to reissue the previously issued software license to the client if the  
7 previously issued software license is available because the previously issued software  
8 license has been returned to the available pool of software licenses and has not been  
9 issued to another client, the reissued software license having a new expiration date;

10 logic operative to issue a new software license to the client if a new software  
11 license is available and the previously issued software license is not available, the new  
12 software license having a new expiration date; and

13 logic operative to deny the client access to software resources if the previously  
14 issued software license is not reissued and a new license is not issued.

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16 **36-55. (Canceled).**  
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